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Man sought for attempted murder

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

A fender-bender turned into attempted murder charges on Sunday, July 23 after a man returned to the scene of the accident and sprayed bullets from a semiautomatic handgun into a crowd of about 75 people, according to Belle Glade police.

Alexander "Kiki" Perkins, 20, is being sought by police after he allegedly returned to the site of an accident he was involved in Sunday evening at 612 S.W. Avenue E. Police say Perkins was not at fault for the minor collision, but he does not have a current license and registration for his green Chevrolet Caprice.

Witnesses said Perkins left the area and came back about five minutes after the accident and shot into the crowd, hitting three people. Injured were Jean Pierre, 28, who was shot



Alexander Perkins

in the buttocks, and Ulles Ware Jr. and Reginald Miller, who were hit in the leg area.

When found, police say Perkins will be charged with six counts of attempted murder. Anyone who knows the whereabouts of Perkins is asked to call the Belle Glade Police Department at 996-7251.

Fire-fighters ask Pahokee commission to consider raises

By Tracy Whirls
Associate Editor

A group of Pahokee firefighters appeared before the Pahokee commission Tuesday night to ask the commissioners to consider salary increases for the department during their upcoming budget hearings.

Fire Lieutenant Lt. Kenneth LePardo told commissioners a salary survey of departments of comparable size in the area indicates beginning fire fighters are paid \$10.25 an hour and lieutenants \$12.60 an hour. Currently, fire fighters, in Pahokee start at a base pay of \$7.26 an hour, with a five percent increase after six months; lieutenants receive an additional five percent above that, or roughly eight dollars an hour.

The department is comprised of the chief, one captain, three lieutenants and six fire fighters, who are also certified emergency medical technicians.

Not only are Pahokee's salaries well below those of comparable sized departments,

the Lt. said, but because there fewer firefighters, each individual fire fighter has more responsibility than he would at a larger department where the responsibilities would be divided among a larger group.

Lt. LePardo noted Pahokee fire fighters do much more than fight fires.

"The vast percentage of our calls are medical calls—responding to slips and falls, boating accidents, vehicle accidents, checking blood pressures, attending to the medical needs of anyone who walks in," the lieutenant said, adding that citizens may not be aware of everything the department does because, "not everything we do, we do with lights and sirens."

The department does not serve the city of Pahokee alone, the lieutenant said. It also provides service in the unincorporated areas of the county surrounding Pahokee, from approximately SR 80 on one side, to 20 mile Bend on the other. The department is

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THANKS GCL...Children in the 3 and 4 year old kindergarten classes at Lutheran Services Florida/PEPP Head Start will benefit from five used computers donated to the school by Glades Correctional Institution. Shown is Barbara Green, Family Service Specialist and Carol Anderson, teacher, who picked up the computers on Tuesday.



Sago Palm staff member charged with aggravated battery

By Tracy Whirls
Associate Editor

The Pahokee Police Department charged an instructor at the Sago Palm Academy with aggravated battery after he reportedly struck a juvenile inmate with his fist while holding a set of keys.

Robert Brunson, 33, of West Palm Beach was arrested July 18, after he reportedly ran out of the facility following the incident.

According to the probable cause affidavit by Pahokee PD Patrolman Raymond Walls, on Tuesday, July 11 at 9:39 p.m., he responded to a 911 call to the facility. The victim, a 17-year-old juvenile told the officer that at 5 p.m. while he was eating inside the cafeteria someone knocked over his food tray. He asked Mr. Brunson for another tray and was denied.

The victim said Mr. Brunson apparently became angry when another staff member granted him another tray. Approximately 10 minutes later, the inmate told the officer, he walked past Mr. Brunson after being called by

another staff member, and glanced at the report Mr. Brunson was preparing. The instructor told the victim to sit down and when told that he had been called by another staff member, became upset and pushed the teen. The teen admitted raising up and the instructor grabbed him and called for staff to assist. When other staff arrived, the instructor told them the youth had struck him, which the boy and other inmates denied. The youth was restrained and received minor cuts to his left hand and arm.

Two hours later, the teen was playing with other inmates when he heard someone again calling him. He told police he got up and walked near Mr. Brunson, who told him to get away from him. Another staff member pulled the victim away from the instructor, then told police that "out of nowhere" the instructor punched the victim in the right eye with a set of keys in his hand, causing a bad bruise. The instructor then reportedly ran out of the facility.

U.S. Sugar Corp. gets new CEO



Robert A. Dolson

United States Sugar Corporation, the nation's largest producer of cane sugar and largest producer of wholesale not-form-concentrate orange juice, announces the appointment of a new chief executive officer.

Effective July 18, Robert A. Dolson will be president and chief executive officer. Dolson, who is from St. Louis, Missouri, has been a member of the company's board of directors for the past six years.

In addition to being familiar with the company's operations, Dolson brings extensive business experience to the company. For 18 years he served as chairman and

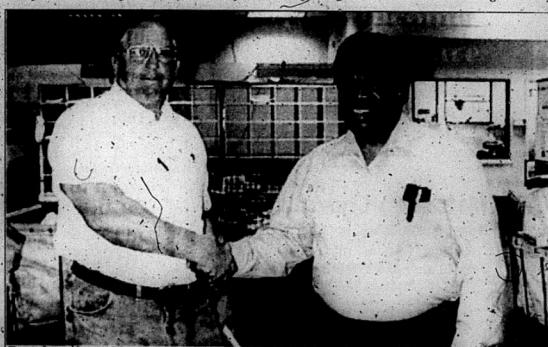
president of National Enterprises, Inc. and Continental Water Company, a group of regulated public utilities with revenues of \$180 million, assets of \$700 million and 1,100 employees.

William S. White, chairman of the board of directors for U.S. Sugar said, "With a change in leadership, there is an opportunity to bring in someone with a fresh, dynamic approach to the challenging issues facing the company. Dolson brings that fresh approach along with extensive business experience. Dolson's goal is to make U.S. Sugar a world class company, competitive on a global basis."

"I am confident we can achieve our goal because of the quality of people and the resources within U.S. Sugar," Dolson said. "This company has the resources to become even stronger and more efficient as we move forward."

As Dolson takes over, the American sugar industry is dealing with historically low sugar prices, with sugar processing facilities in some states being closed and many

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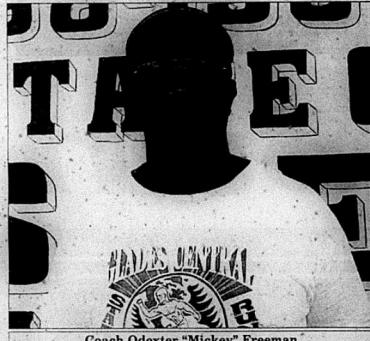
Postal employee Wayne Miner (left) was honored for 35 years of service to the U.S. Postal Service by Postmaster Johnny Johnson. Mr. Johnson said "With your hard work and daily dedication you have made a difference."

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Coach Odexter "Mickey" Freeman

Freeman named head coach at Glades Central

By Tracy Whirls

Glades Central veteran assistant football coach Odexter "Mickey" Freeman was named the team's head football coach during a news conference at the school last Friday.

Coach Freeman will succeed Coach Milton Watson who led the Raiders to two consecutive state championships in the past two years and left with a 6-year record of 73-7. The Raiders were 15-0 in 1999.

Coach Freeman was formerly the offensive coordinator under Coach Watson and coached the Raiders' wide receivers last season.

Asked which of the teams' opponents he expects to be the toughest this season, the coach said, "All of them are going to be tough, we've lost so many guys," the new head coach said, noting that 20 Raiders players graduated in May. "We lost a couple of wide receivers," the coach said.

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Ronald McDonald visited the Belle Glade Branch Library on Saturday, July 22 and presented his own special brand of magic and fun. About 70 children and their parents attended the presentation. Ronald emphasized the importance of reading and reminded the children to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Children who complete the program by reading 25 books receive a T-shirt.

(Photo by Adrian "Big A" Vereen)



A transition ceremony was held Thursday, July 13, for the South Bay HeadStart Center. Fifty-six children received certificates at Tanner Park, preparing their transition to Kindergarten in the Palm Beach County Schools. The theme was "Head Start Stepping Out into the Millennium." Mrs. Arlene Camel, CDA I, was Mistress of Ceremony. The welcome was given by transitioning student LeAndre Fletcher. Ms. Bellinda McFadden, parent, gave the Invocation and the speaker was Ms. Gloria Williams, former Head Start Parent and Head Start Teacher, who emphasized the importance of parent involvement. Outstanding performances were displayed by the 3 and 4-year old classes. Certificates were issued to the students by the Honorable Mayor Clarence Anthony. Mrs. Camel and parents, Mrs. Layernie Edwards and Mrs. Carol Palevoda and Center Manager Betty Caldwell addressed the group.

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Potassium deficiency can cause fatigue, cramps

This week a reader asked if I would do some research on potassium. The young woman collapsed and wound up in the emergency room. Blood tests indicated she was low on potassium.

I knew that potassium deficiency can cause fatigue and muscle cramps. I knew that bananas and baked potatoes (if you eat the skin) are good sources of the mineral. But that

was about all I knew about potassium so I did a little research on the Health Central website.

According to Health Central, the human body needs potassium for both electrical and cellular functions.

Food sources of potassium include: Fish such as salmon, cod, flounder, and sardines; vegetables including sardines, peas, lima beans, tomatoes, potatoes (especially their skins), and leafy green vegetables such as spinach, lettuce and parsley contain potassium; and fruits such as citrus fruits, apples, bananas, and apricots (dried apricots contain more than fresh apricots).

According to the website,

potassium helps the body regulate the acid-base balance and the water balance in the blood and body tissues.

It is necessary for the building of muscle and for normal body growth.

According to Health Central, there is no recommended daily allowance for potassium although experts recommend approximately 2 to 2.5 grams per day. Most Americans get plenty of potassium naturally.

The average American diet provides 2 to 6 grams of potassium per day.

The website warns that potassium supplementation should be based on medical prescription and should never be taken without the approval of a

health care provider.

A deficiency of potassium (hypokalemia) can occur in people with chronic disease or as a result of the aging process, the website continues. The most common problems associated with reduced potassium levels are hypertension, congestive heart failure, cardiac arrhythmias, depression, and fatigue. A variety of factors can also cause the loss of potassium from the body, including vomiting, diarrhea, and other gastrointestinal problems. Renal disease (such as acute renal failure) and diabetes, can also cause fluctuations in the levels of potassium. Many medications can cause depletion of potassium (such as diuretics,

cortisone, prolonged use of aspirin, and laxatives). The most common symptom of potassium depletion is fatigue; initial symptoms of potassium deficiency include slow reflexes, muscle weakness, and dry skin. A quick loss of potassium could lead to cardiac arrhythmias. Severe potassium deficiency symptoms include decreased heart rate, extreme muscle weakness, bone fragility and, if untreated, death.

If you think you may be low on potassium, your doctor can check it with a blood test. Potassium supplements in pill form are not recommended unless they have been prescribed by a doctor. Before making any change in your diet or exercise program, check with your physician.

are known as hyperkalemia. For this to occur, there are usually other causes, such as reduced renal (kidney) function, a breakdown of protein; or severe infection. If there is no underlying cause for increased potassium levels, the kidneys are able to handle a large amount of potassium, which prevents the blood levels from increasing.

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ER Chronicles: Not what vacation was all about



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

By Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

Robin was hoping that she had not forgotten how to use roller blades. Maybe he was like riding a bike, you never forget.

The view was beautiful along the beach front sidewalk, unlike anything Robin could experience back home in Ohio. Her legs seemed a bit wobbly on the rented roller blades as she started down the sidewalk, but she pushed on.

She almost fell trying to round that first turn. Was this dangerous?

Doing fun things was what vacation was all about for a 45-year-old from Ohio.

"Whoa!"

The second turn got her.

Robin's legs went one way, her

body went another way, and she was flying sideways through the air.

"What's got you there?" Phil, an emergency nurse on duty today in the Ocean's Hospital ER, noticed the grimace on Robin's face as the paramedics wheeled her toward an ER bed.

"She fell while roller-blading," the paramedic reported. "That right elbow is pretty deformed, but she looks OK otherwise. I've ordered some X-rays."

Emergency physician Tammy Cortez nodded. She was still in the midst of stabilizing an elderly man with a heart attack, and could not attend to Robin right away. She trusted Phil's judgment.

"OK, Phil," Cortez said. I'll be over there in a few minutes."

Phil returned to Robin's side. "Do you need some pain medicine, Robin?"

"It's not too bad if I just hold it still," she retorted. Then, looking up at the ceiling, she added, "How could I do this?"

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"How could I be so stupid?" she asked no one in particular.

Phil had an ice bag on the swollen elbow, and began a series of questions. He repeated all of Robin's vital signs. Satis-

fied that nothing besides the elbow was involved here, Phil delivered a report to the emergency physician.

"Hey, Doc. This woman in Bed 12 has an elbow injury from falling, either a fracture or a dislocation. She seems OK otherwise. I've ordered some X-rays."

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toward Radiology.

Cortez left the heart attack victim as Robin's bed was rolling back into Room 12 a few minutes later. She shook Robin's other hand as she introduced herself, then went over the story again.

"And then I was just flying, just flying," Robin concluded.

"Well, it looks like you've dislocated your elbow joint, Robin," Cortez said as she studied the X-ray pictures.

After some additional questions about her overall health, she returned her focus to Robin's arm.

"Can you feel this right here?" Cortez asked as she touched a tiny brush against Robin's fingers one by one.

"OK, now move the fingers this way."

Convinced that none of the nerves in Robin's elbow had been injured by the dislocation, Cortez began explaining what

was about to happen...

"After we sedate you with the drugs, we should be able to roll this back into place, Robin."

Noticing an inquisitive frown on Robin's face, Cortez added, "Don't worry, you won't feel a thing."

By now, Phil had an IV line started in Robin's left arm. He had connected the heart monitor wires to Robin's chest, and placed a small oxygen tube under her nose.

"I have the Versed and the etomidate, Doc," Phil said as he pointed toward the drug bottles on the bedside cart.

"Let's get started," Cortez said. "Robin, you'll be back with us in a few minutes."

Robin closed her eyes. She just wished all of this was over.

Why did she think she could roller blade again after all these years? What was she thinking? What a way to ruin a vacation.

Dislocations of the elbow joint are commonly seen in emergency departments. Of the large-joint dislocations, elbow rank third in frequency, behind shoulders and knee caps.

A dislocation of an elbow usually results from a fall onto an outstretched hand, and the bones of the forearm, the radius and ulna, usually dislocate to an area behind their normal position.

Such "posterior" dislocations result in an injury to a nerve or artery 10-20 percent of the time.

Reduction of the dislocation after adequate sedation can usually be accomplished in the emergency department.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcep.org

Glades teachers participate in "Ag in the Classroom"

Several teachers in the Glades participated in the Palm Beach Ag in the Classroom recently.

They included: Brenda Davis and

Rebecca Long, who teach in Belle Glade, Maryellen Doville, and Janelle Leatherman, who both teach at Canal Point Elementary.

Ag instructor Deena Stokes trained over 90 teachers this year at the annual workshop.

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largest class ever.

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The South Florida Fairgrounds and the United Way of Palm Beach County are teaming up to produce the biggest garage sale ever on Saturday, August 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fundraiser will be held in

the air-conditioned Fairgrounds Expo Center at the South Florida Fair and also in the surrounding exposition buildings. A limited number of booths are available for non-profit organizations and the general public.

The cost for non-profits is only \$45 for a 10x20 booth, or they can save \$10 and get a 20x20 for \$60. For profit, a booth is \$40.

Vendors can collect their merchandise, transport it to the fairgrounds, staff their booth and collect 100% of the proceeds. All sales will be retained by that organization.

Booth and admission fees will be used to establish a scholarship fund to be presented at the 2001 South Florida Fair in January.

Admission to the Gigantic Garage Sale is \$2 or \$1 with two cans of food.

Thousands of bargain hunters

are expected to attend and pick through sale items from over 40 organizations and individuals. Sponsors of this year's Gigantic Garage Sale include WPEC News 12, the Palm Beach Post, Florida Power & Light Company, Solid Waste Authority, WIRK 107.9 and Sun 104.3.

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City raises

"I read in *The Sun* where the City of Belle Glade is giving the employees \$50 for each year they have been working for the city.

I do not feel this is right, because I do not think any of the employees went beyond their duties. There is trash on the roads, garbage cans turned over, there are lights that need to be fixed. Also, the red light on SR 715 by Rinkers Construction, that light doesn't even work right.

I think they should have consulted the citizens, for that money could have been used for something else. When I ride through the streets of Belle Glade, I can hardly ride through for all the children on the streets. We could have taken that money and paid somebody to go to the park and supervise the children, play games, play ball.

And another thing, I feel like the money they paid these employees could have been used to give citizens a break on their water bills. But the city always wants to give away money.

We worry about things for our children to do. The Belle Glade teen pregnancy rate is high. We should have done something more useful with this money."

Car wash

"Pahokee should have the cleanest cars in

the world. It seems like every weekend some organization is having a car wash at the Pahokee Fire Department.

People get tired of people jumping out in front of them with signs saying 'car wash.'

I'm a charitable person but, you know, enough is enough. Someone needs to put a stop to this.

Thank you."

More on water bills

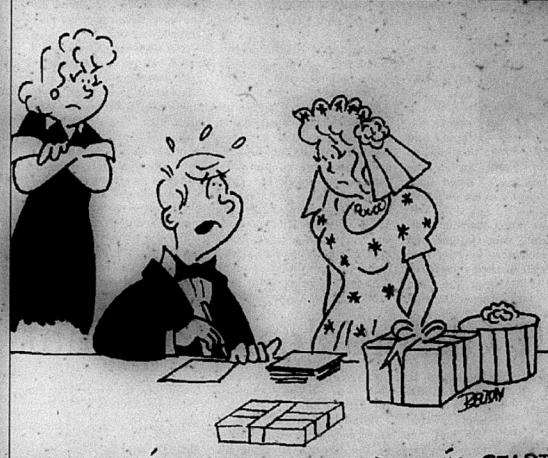
"Yeah. Some of us in Belle Glade want to know about this rip-off water bill. If you go for a vacation, your water bill runs the same. If you don't use water, your water bill runs the same.

My water bill has been running \$78.00 for 10 months and I know it's impossible to use the same amount of water all the time. I leave at 5 a.m. and return that evening at 5 p.m. My wife washes clothes just once, or twice a week. There's nobody but me and her and we still pay the same.

I was reading the paper the other day and another man and his wife owed \$84.00 for five months in a row. You all know this is impossible.

You are going to have to put some responsible people in there who are going to read the water meters. The meters are not being read. They are estimating, not reading.

Thank you."



"MOM SAYS, 'THE HONEYMOON DOESN'T START UNTIL THESE THANK YOU NOTES ARE WRITTEN!'"

Florida Farm Bureau says EPA plays politics with water rule

By Larry Ewing
Director of Public Relations
Florida Farm Bureau Federation

Politics, not concern for the environment, was the motivation for Carol M. Browner, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator, as she implemented the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule regarding the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program.

"This is a classic example of an appointed official circumventing the wishes of the duly elected members of congress," said Carl B. Loop, Jr., Florida Farm Bureau Federation president. "On June 30, congress passed, as part of the supplemental spending bill, a measure to prevent EPA from implementing the rule. This program could cost billions while doing little to keep water clean."

A survey of Midwest states by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management found the average cost just to write a TMDL plan was \$100,000 each. That did not count the cost to actually put practices on the ground to

implement the TMDL. While EPA estimates the total cost of implementing the rules at \$100 million, the Indiana department's survey reveals the cost for rule development alone would be \$200 billion - 20 times higher than the total EPA figure.

"We're disappointed that the Clinton Administration has decided to implement, despite the clear message from Congress opposing it, the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule regarding the Total Maximum Daily Load program. The EPA plan would cripple farms, ranches and forestry operations at a time when producers can least afford new regulations."

"Farmers and ranchers have made progress in improving water quality through voluntary, incentive-based programs." This progress would be halted by EPA's unworkable proposal, a plan that runs counter to many successful local initiatives," Loop said. "It will, in fact, result in much litigation and further delays in improving water quality."

To combat poaching in Florida, UF officials use wildlife forensics

By Aaron Hoover
University of Florida News

State game officials are bagging poachers who might once have escaped their reach, thanks to DNA analysis performed at a University of Florida laboratory.

More commonly used to catch murderers and rapists, the lab's forensic DNA techniques have proved so successful in nabbing deer poachers that officials have recently turned to it for help in cases involving wild turkeys, turtles, alligators and other hunted species in Florida. Since undertaking the work about three years ago, the lab has helped crack about 30 poaching cases statewide, a number they say will grow steadily as the lab branches out into more and more species and types of cases.

"I wish I had it 20 years ago," said Capt. Barry Cook of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission office in Gainesville. "The jails would be a lot fuller."

DNA analysis to poachers is just one role of the Biotechnologies for Ecological, Environmental and Conservation Sciences Genetics Analysis Laboratory, part of UF's Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research. The lab's main function is to provide genetics expertise to biologists in the field.

But the lab became involved in poaching cases after game officials enlisted it in 1998 to determine if meat came from Florida's native white-tailed deer or another species.

Ginger Clark, a UF senior biological scientist at the lab, developed a technique that could not only determine the species of deer based on tissue samples or blood, but also the deer's gender. The technique can identify any hooved species, from cows to horses to antelopes, from most countries in the world.

The work quickly became useful in poaching cases.

Unlike the lengthy buck season, doe season on Florida's public lands lasts only two days. In several instances, game officers have sent the lab samples of fresh venison confiscated from hunters on suspicion it came from does killed out of season. Officers also have given the lab clothing stained with blood they suspected was from illegally killed does.

The lab usually confirmed the officer's suspicions, resulting in successful prosecutions of the poachers, although the evidence isn't always in

the officers' favor.

"There have been times that we have said, 'this male white tail, so for this sample you don't have a case,'" said Daniel Brazeau, lab director. "So it cuts both ways."

Using techniques similar to the deer technique, the lab has increased its scope recently. Newer cases include at least one that involved suspected poaching of wild turkey hens (only gobblers can be hunted in Florida.) Clark determined the meat came from female turkeys, strengthening the case against the suspected poacher. Other cases have involved alligator snapping turtle meat and Florida black bear meat. In yet another example, a Florida seafood dealer, suspicious that large purchases of white fish fillets contained an illegal fish species, approached the researchers for help. They confirmed some fillets were indeed illegal.

The lab also determined that eggs being sold as freshwater turtle eggs in fact came from endangered sea turtles. Because sea turtles return to beaches where they hatched, the researchers can even tell where the eggs were collected, Brazeau said. "This technology has a lot of power, which is why human DNA forensics is so significant," he said.

The DNA forensics process involves a molecular biology technique called PCR, or Polymerase chain reaction.

The technique allows researchers to make millions of copies of DNA from a tiny sample—a pencil eraser-sized piece of flesh or drop of blood usually is enough—then sequence the DNA to establish its precise genetic code. This code can then be compared against samples from known animal species to confirm or rule out a match. The samples are available from gene sequence banks, on the Internet and other resources. Much of the sea turtle gene sequences, for example, were collected by UF zoology researchers.

All of the lab's 30 cases have been resolved in settlements in favor of the prosecution, with none going to trial, Clark said.

Several of those accused of poaching have confessed when confronted with DNA evidence, Cook said.

"This type of evidence is just that cut and dried," Cook said, adding that, as a result of the lab's work, all game officers in the state are now equipped with sampling kits to obtain DNA evidence during investigations.

Letters to the Editor

Watch what your children are reading

Editor's note: We usually do not run letters that are not local, but we found this opinion interesting and wonder if any local pastor or lay people also find the Harry Potter books offensive or if you have another viewpoint. We would be glad to hear from you.

Dear Editor:

What a shame and disgrace that American's children must learn how to enjoy reading from books as deadly as the Harry Potter books. The Bible calls this kind of publication witchcraft, divination, and familiar spirits and is according to Deuteronomy 18:10-14 an abomination to God.

The boy in these books is a sorcerer, the same kind of demon as the Apostle Paul cast out of a woman in Acts 16:16.

My dictionary says the word abomination means our God finds it disgusting and he hates it. In my own vocabulary, it means it stinks in

God's nostrils, and he will turn his eyes, his love, and his grace away from anyone involved in it.

Many people are saying guns, gangs, school shootings and terrorism are going to bring down America. I say it is the witchcraft and satanic games, toys, books, television, movies and computer games our children are feasting on that is the gateway to our children's minds being destroyed.

Any parent, grandparent, teacher, or school principal involved in reading these books to little children fall under this abomination curse. In Acts 19:19, there were people who owned this type of books and they brought them all together and burned them before men, and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. Instead of having a town meeting, let's have a town burning.

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Sun Spots

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SonZone Discovery Center

Belle Glade Alliance Church invites all the children in the community to join them at SonZone Discovery Center.

"This year's Vacation Bible School promises to be an adventure your children will never forget," said Tim Williamson II, youth pastor at Belle Glade Alliance Church. "SonZone is a very special place. Here your children will join Professor Mega-Noggin in her search for God's awesome plan. They'll explore the wonders of God's universe through lively songs, humorous skits and crafts. But most importantly, they'll look in the Bible for the answers to some very important questions."

The closing program will be Sunday, August 13 at 7 p.m. it will be a musical event for the whole family. The SonZone Discovery Center Vacation Bible School begins August 7 and continues through August 11. It will be at the Belle Glade Alliance Church, 425 East Canal Street North from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. It is open to Grade K through Grade 5.

For more information, call 996-9914.

Boys and Girls Club

Those parents or guardians who wish to re-enroll their child in the programs at the Glades Boys & Girls Clubs can do so from now through August 4. Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Renewal information will be taken at Lake Shore Civic Center for all current members at the centers and children who graduated to Lake Shore Middle School may renew their membership at the Teen Club.

Open registration to fill remaining slots after the renewal period will take place at the Teen Club from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the following places:

Monday, Aug. 7 in South Bay

at Rosenwald Elementary; Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Gove Elementary; Wednesday, Aug. 9 at Pioneer Park; Thursday, Aug. 10 at Belle Glade Elementary; Friday, Aug. 11 at Canal Point Elementary and Aug. 11 at the Teen Club.

For more information, please call 992-5399.

Registration at Gove

Gove Elementary School will be holding fall registration Monday, August 7 through Tuesday, August 15 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. daily.

Only a parent or legal guardian may register a student and sign the registration form.

Students entering kindergarten and students new to the Palm Beach County School system must present the following:

Proof of residency, which must be in the legal guardian's name. Acceptable proof of residence includes any utility bill.

Proof of immunization or HRS form 680 (also known as the Blue Card).

A recent physical examination.

The child's birth certificate.

Parents need to remember that all students' health records must be up to date before the first day of school on Wednesday, August 16.

Adult programs at Glades Central

Glades Central Community High School will offer the GED test on July 31 at 8:30 a.m. and August 1, 2, and 3 at 6 p.m.

Adults planning to take the test must register in the Community School office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. by July 28.

Call 993-4404 for more information.

Submitting news

Submitting news to The Sun newspaper can be done in several ways. Readers can mail or bring their information to 417 N.W. 16th Street, Suite 5, Belle Glade, fax the information to (561) 996-2209, email their news to Sunnews@flite.net or contact Shirley (Verne) Morris or

if you have social or school news you would like her to submit for you. She can be reached at 996-2340.

Children welcome

PEPP Head Start is accepting applications for three and four year old children into their day care program.

The service is free and children with disabilities are welcomed. The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718.

Scholarship program for students with disabilities

Parents of students with disabilities are encouraged to apply for a scholarship to a public or private school of their choice for students with disabilities. Any parent who has not progressing adequately toward the goals in the Individual Education Plan may call (561) 357-7500 to help determine if their child is eligible. The information is available in English, Spanish and Creole.

Applications can be obtained at the schools or at the Office of Public Affairs of the School District.

The deadline to submit the application is August 15, 2000.

Lake Shore Middle School registration

All parents/guardians will need to register 6th, 7th and 8th grade students for the 2000-2001 school year at Lake Shore Middle School. Registration will be held at the new school on Aug. 11 and 14 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

All sixth grade students will need to present a HRS 680 Immunization Form (Blue Card). No physical is required.

All seventh graders will need to have a physical. If they were in 5th grade during the 1998-1999 school year and had a physical on or after August 19, 1998, it will be accepted for the 2000-2001 school year. Seventh grade students will also need to have started their Hepatitis B Series and have had a Tetanus Booster.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department made 21 arrests the week of July 17-23. Those arrested included:

July 17 - Jose Gomez, 18, stalking and criminal mischief; **Samuel Sanchez**, 18, stalking and two counts of criminal mischief; **Juvenile**, 16, stalking and criminal mischief; **Joe Ronald McGee**, 33, felony retail theft; **Bernard Robertson**, 46, petty theft.

July 18 - Makiba Oliver, 22, aggravated domestic battery; **Travis Gilmore**, 19, burglary to a structure; **Mercier Lepelletier**, 46, trespassing after warning.

July 19 - No arrests made.

July 20 - No arrests made.

July 21 - Stanley Johnson, 38, domestic battery; **Orinette Legros**, 19, uttering a forgery and petty theft; **Rogelio Gomez**, 36, domestic assault; **Patrick Brockman**, 20, violation of probation on charged of grand theft, possession of burglary tools, burglary of a structure, resisting arrest with violence, attempted burglary of a structure and no or improper driver's license.

July 22 - Renee Bridges, 19, warrant for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Easton Brown**, 20, resisting arrest without violence; **George Jean**, 19, two counts of resisting arrest without violence; **Juvenile**, 15, resisting arrest without violence and corruption by threat.

July 23 - Desses Jean, 21, felony fleeing and eluding police and resisting arrest without violence; **Sammie Lee Anderson**, 37, violation of probation on charges of attempted possession of cocaine; **Earl Cooney Jr.**, 21 aggravated domestic battery on a pregnant female.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 19 arrests the week of July 11-16. Those arrested included:

July 20 - Jose E. Gomez, 20, Belle Glade, domestic battery; **Toris Salas**, 50, Belle Glade, child abuse; **Juvenile**, 15, **Paohoke**, felony warrant.

July 21 - Clyde D. Wilcher, 20, Belle Glade, aggravated assault with a motor vehicle; **Juvenile**, 15, Belle Glade, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

July 22 - No arrests.

July 23 - Juvenile, 17, Belle Glade, failure to appear aggravated assault.

July 24 - Joyce A. Ricketts, 34, Belle Glade, battery; **Juvenile**, 11, Belle Glade, grand theft; **Juvenile**, 10, Belle Glade, grand theft.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 17 arrests the week of July 16-22. Those arrested included:

July 16 - Berulo Torres, 53, driving while under the influence.

July 17 - No arrests made.

July 18 - No arrests made.

July 19 - Ray King, 23, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

July 20 - Raymundo Vickers, 37, warrant

Barometer detects changes in the weather



Mike Lyons

the weather is very pleasant.

If there is one man in our area who knows what the barometric reading is at any time of the day it has to be Bob Elsner of Boynton Beach. Bob is a collector of barometers. Not just any barometers but beautiful, ornate, antique barometers.

"They're fascinating to me," Bob said. "The barometers are functional, they predict the weather and they are beautiful. Unlike clocks you don't have to wind them every day. Once they're calibrated and hung on the wall they should last forever."

Speaking of clocks, before Bob got interested in barometers he collected clocks. It was a visit to another clock collector that got Bob in the barometer business.

"I went to visit this collector in Cleveland where I used to live," Bob told me. "This man had many beautiful clocks but he also had barometers. I started collecting barometers right away."

At one point Bob had over 60 antique barometers. Now, his collection numbers just over 20. Some of his antiques are nearly 300 years old dating back to the 17th century.

"Most of my barometers are early American or British barometers," Bob said. "The British barometers tend to be a bit more ornate than the

American ones."

Bob collects both the mercury and the aneroid barometers. Mercury barometers were the first ones invented and are very accurate but they tend to be fragile and cumbersome. Aneroid barometers are light and sturdy, work well under most conditions and are more convenient than mercury barometers.

Bob not only collects barometers but, as you might imagine, is quite an authority on them too. "There are probably two or three people in the country who know as much about antique barometers as I do," Bob said.

He collects them, sells them and fixes them. With 20 barometers hanging on his wall, Bob knows when the weather is about to change. "When Hurricane Andrew was headed toward Florida, my barometers were recording his progress," Bob said.

Bob says you can purchase a pretty accurate barometer for about \$20 to \$40 from a clock or furniture store. "If you buy one get some books on barometers and the weather too," Bob said. "You should know how they work and what the reading means."

Of course, if you ever need help selling your barometer just call Bob.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV.)

CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Alfonso Bennifield**, who is wanted for two counts of battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest with violence, resisting a disguised person and possession of marijuana.

Bennifield is a black male, 6'0", tall, and weighs 175 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and scars on his chest, lower left arm and shoulder.

His date of birth is February 23, 1977.

His last known address was 122 North Flame Avenue, Pahokee. His occupation was as a laborer. His warrant was active as of July 17, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of **Alfonso Bennifield**, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

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Saulin Quan of Belle Glade, a recent graduate of A.W. Dreyfuss School of the Arts, was presented with a \$500 scholarship from American General Associate Manager Richard Immarell of the Belle Glade Office at 607 Main Street. Saulin plans to attend the University of South Florida in Tampa in the Fall.

For more information concerning the American General Scholarship, contact Scholarship Program Administrators, Inc., P.O. Box 23737, Nashville, Tenn. 37203-3737.



Danella Bythwood

Bythwood graduates

Danella Bythwood of Belle Glade was among 508 graduates to participate in commencement ceremonies this spring at Barton County Community College at its main campus in Great Bend, Kansas.



Gabriella Zavala

Gabriella Deanna Zavala was born to Jennifer L. Loflin of Pahokee and Jorge Alberto Zavala Rodriguez of Mexico at 1:14 p.m., March 10 at Glades General Hospital.

Obituaries

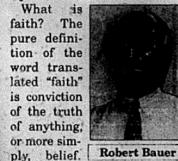
Lois Dalton Crosby Allen, daughter of pioneer settlers of the Glades, died Thursday, July 20, 2000 in Memphis, Tenn. of heart failure.

Her parents, Joe Brown and Ruth Crosby owned the first grocery store and Post Office at Bacon Point, later moving to Pahokee where they had extensive farming interests. One of Lois' favorite memories was the fact that when Pahokee High School was built and the football team organized, it was she who named the team the Blue Devils.

She was the Past Worthy Matron of the Pahokee Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and was past president of the Women's Club. She still owned property in Pahokee.

Mrs. Allen leaves behind her husband, Robert L. Allen, a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Bill Mashburn, a grandson, Brent Mashburn and two great grandsons, Braxton and Logan Tash Mashburn, all of Memphis.

By Rev. Robert Bauer



Robert Bauer

What is faith? The pure definition of the word translated "faith" is conviction of the truth of anything, or more simply, belief. Faith can be had in almost anything. The child has faith in that he believes his father will catch him when the child jumps into the father's arms. The atheist has faith that the evolutionary process is the process by which the universe was formed. The child of God has that God created the universe as we know it. Is faith in God a part of who you are? Let us consider the importance of faith.

Faith Is Being Sure And Certain

The Hebrew writer penned, "Now faith is the substance of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). The word translated "substance" conveys the thought of that which has foundation, thus having confidence, firm trust. "Evidence" is translated from a word which means "a proof," something by which a thing is proved or tested, thus something we are convicted concerning. Therefore the Hebrew writer is telling us that

faith is the solid groundwork of things we hope for and that it is the proof of all hopes and confidence we have in God. In another version this verse is translated, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." This thing called faith has lifted the fallen, revitalized the faint-hearted, given hope to the drowning-trotted. It has been the driving force that gave birth to nations and gave strength to those on the brink of death. Faith can move mountains in the sense that is a powerful aid in accomplishing anything God in accomplishing anything God has given man the power to do.

How Faith Is Developed

How does one develop faith? God has made it abundantly clear that faith is developed through His Word. Notice the inspired words of the apostle Paul, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). There are those in the religious world that claim faith comes through some supernatural work of God however notice again the words of Paul leading up to Romans 10:17. "For whoever comes on the name of the LORD shall be saved." How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach

Congressman Foley accepting internship applications for fall

Area college students can gain job experience and get a first-hand look at their government in action through an internship this fall working in one of Congressman Mark Foley's offices.

Students attending a Washington, D.C. area school are welcome to submit an application for an internship in Washington and local students can apply for an internship in one of Foley's Florida offices.

The internships will allow students to gain hands-on experience while learning about the legislative process and the operations of a congressional office.

Foley noted that interns are an integral part of the office. They perform a variety of duties including attending

hearings, researching and helping with legislative matters, drafting correspondence, and assisting with office administrative functions.

The internships are unpaid, vary in length and are open to all college aged students. Interested applicants should contact Rep. Foley's Washington office at (202) 225-5792 or Palm Beach Gardens office at (561) 627-6192 to receive an application.

Rep. Foley, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, is in his third term serving Florida's sixteenth congressional district which includes residents of Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties.

Gunnery Sgt. Lorenzo Crane, Jr. promoted

Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Lorenzo Crane, Jr., son of Betty J. and Lorenzo Crane of Belle Glade, recently was promoted to

his current rank while serving with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan.

unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?"

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:13-17). Nothing is said about any supernatural work of God but only that when men and women of good and honest hearts hear the word of God faith will be the result. It is a fact that in Jesus Christ man and will not develop in any area where the Bible has not gone.

The Importance Of Faith

Let us now consider the importance of faith. The Hebrew writer continues in chapter 11 verse 6, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Faith is necessary for us to please God. Without the faith which comes from God's Word we cannot be reconciled to God, in a relationship with God, nor serve Him acceptably. It is essential to the spiritual life of the child of God. Not only can we not please God without faith, we cannot be saved without faith. The apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and not that of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

Nicole Tyrell receives doctorate in optometry

Nicole Tyrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tyrell of Clewiston, received her Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree from Nova Southeastern College of Optometry May 28 at the National Car Rental Center in Sunrise.

Nicole received an AA degree from Palm Beach Community College and a B.S. in Vision Science from Nova Southeastern University.

Nicole is a member of Beta Sigma Kappa National Optometry Honor Society and received a Cooper Vision Contact Lens Award and Corning Low Vision Award while attending Nova Southeastern.

Nicole plans to continue her

(Ephesians 2:8-9). Jesus said, "...if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." (John 8:24). Faith is essential to our salvation.

The Activity of Faith

Finally, faith is active. It is written in the book of James, "...faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble! But do you want to know, 'O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?' (James 2:17-20). Faith is manifested in repentance, willing faith; by confession, faith speaking by baptism, faith acting; by prayer, faith communing; the Christian life, faith serving God. We are saved by an active, working faith, which takes us to the very portals of eternity, at which point it becomes faith realized.

Friends, let us place our faith in God. He will never fail us, never leave us, never forsake us. "He wills not the death of any, but that all should come to Him and live." We encourage each of you develop biblical faith. A faith built upon a solid foundation, a faith of confidence.

Rep. Robert Bauer is the pastor of the Belle Glade Church of Christ, 125 NW Avenue D, in Belle Glade.

Nicole Tyrell

Nicole Tyrell, hobby of riding and showing horses until she receives her license to practice optometry in the state of Florida.

Nicole Tyrell

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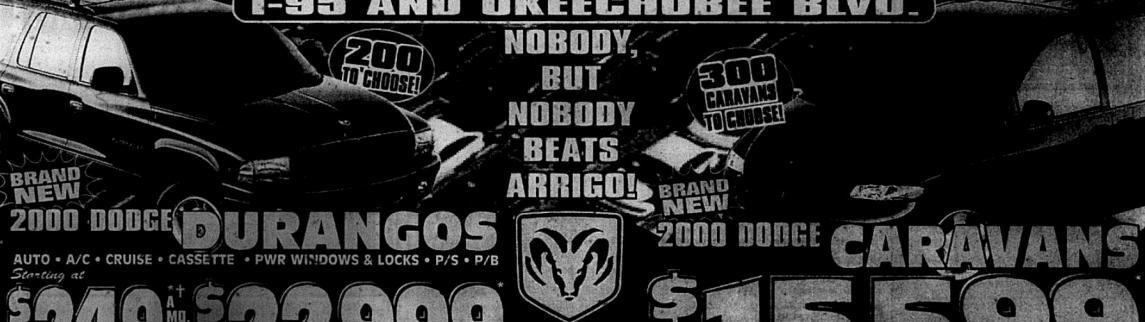
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